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Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement—  
Maritime Administration's Title XI Loan  
Guarantee Program  
Maritime Administration  
Project No. 09C3002C000

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Attn of:

At the direction of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct an audit of the Title XI Loan Guarantee Program. The objective of this audit will be to determine whether the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is in compliance with the recommendations contained in our 2003<sup>1</sup> and 2004<sup>2</sup> audit reports on the Title XI Loan Guarantee Program.

The audit will be conducted primarily at MARAD Headquarters in Washington, D.C. In addition, we may visit selected companies that have approved Title XI loan guarantees and shipyards where those companies' ships are being built, if we determine that such visits are necessary to answer our audit objective.

We plan to begin this audit immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule a formal entrance conference. The Program Director for the audit is Brenda R. James and the Project Manager is Wendy M. Harris. If you have any questions or require additional information about this audit, please call me at (202) 366-1981, or Brenda James at (202) 366-0202.

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<sup>1</sup> OIG Report No. CR-2003-031, "Title XI Loan Guarantee Program," March 27, 2003. OIG reports can be accessed on our website at: [www.oig.dot.gov](http://www.oig.dot.gov).

<sup>2</sup> OIG Report No. CR-2004-095, "Title XI Loan Guarantee Program," September 28, 2004.